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Planning Guidance Appendix G Revision Completed

Lillian Almodovar – CECW-CP

The HQUSACE Planning Community of Practice has completed the revision of Appendix G, Planning Reports and Programs, of ER 1105-2-100 (Planning Guidance). The revised appendix incorporates new policies and procedures issued after the year 2000. It includes new procedures and requirements for feasibility scoping meetings (FSMs) and alternative formulation briefings (AFBs). The appendix can be found in HQUSACE official publications webpage. (POC: [Lillian Almodovar](#), CECW-CP). [book icon](#)

Great Lakes and Ohio River Division Environmental CoP Conducts Video Teleconference

Dr. Hank Jarboe – CELRD-PDS-P

On July 16, 2004, the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (LRD) Environmental Community of Practice (ECoP) conducted a video teleconference (VTC) presentation in cooperation with the Institute of Water Resources (IWR) on Cost Effectiveness/Incremental Cost Analysis (CE/ICA) in Ecosystem Restoration Planning. The VTC was hosted by the Nashville District Office, which was linked to IWR. The VTC was broadcast to the LRD District and Division Offices. There were an estimated 60 participants in attendance. Ray Hedrick, an Environmental Analysis and Compliance Regional Technical

Specialist in the Nashville District Office moderated the VTC and opened the session by presenting an overview of the ECoP VTC topic. Following Mr. Hedrick, a presentation on CE/ICA and IWR Plan was provided by Shana Heisey, an economist with IWR. Ken Orth, team leader of the IWR Planning CoP, assisted in the presentation and helped answer questions on the subject. The presentation generally covered Corps guidance and policy on the CE/ICA, the importance of using the CE/ICA in the planning of civil works ecosystem restoration projects, and the utilization of IWR Plan to conduct a CE/ICA for ecosystem restoration projects. An extended question and answer session between District and Division staff and the subject matter experts followed VTC presentations from IWR. For additional information on the LRD ECoP presentation please contact Dr. Hank Jarboe at (513) 684-6050 or by e-mail at hank.jarboe@usace.army.mil. 

IAIA Conference Announcement

Rich Fristik – CEIWR

The 25th anniversary meeting of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) will be held in Boston (Cambridge) May 31-June 3, 2005. This is a great (and relatively close-by) opportunity to interact with impact assessment professionals from around the world. The conference theme is ‘Ethics and Quality in Impact Assessment.’ Deadline for paper/poster abstract submission is November 15, 2004. Further information on IAIA is at www.iaia.org. (Richard.Fristik@usace.army.mil) 

Instructions for Contributors to Planning Ahead

This newsletter is designed to improve the communication among all the planners and those we work with throughout the Corps. We hope that future editions will have mostly information and perspective from those of you on the front lines in the districts. We hope that these notes become a forum for you to share your experiences to help all of us learn from each other. We can't afford to reinvent the wheel in each office. We welcome your thoughts, questions, success stories, and bitter lessons so that we can share them on these pages. The articles should be short (2-3 paragraphs) except in some cases where you just have to say more.

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Submissions Deadline

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